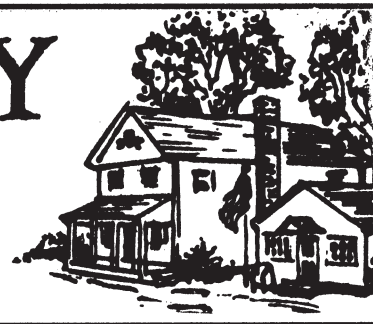




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The Town

Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting will be Saturday, May 2, at 9:30 a.m., at the

Monterey Firehouse. A special Town Meeting will precede the main meeting, at 9:00 a.m. The main order of business on the warrant is consideration of the proposed Town budget for FY10, which

begins on July 1. The total proposed operating expenses budget for FY10 is \$2,791,147, up very slightly from this year's allocation of \$2,790,213. Less money is being requested in special warrant articles for FY 2010 as opposed to the current year; \$225,226 is being requested for the next year, down from the \$482,826 allocated for the current year, so the total proposed budget for FY10 is \$3,016,373, down about 8.5 percent from the current year's \$3,273,039. The proposed school budget for FY10 is \$1,078,243, down from \$1,099,017 allocated for the current year. One of the warrant articles revisits the ongoing issue of how the total school budget will be allocated among the five towns of the school district.

Eaton Road Clear Cutting

In March the Conservation Commission issued an enforcement order against Steven Levkoff for work done on his lakeside site at 26 Eaton Road, on Lake Garfield. They determined that the clearing of the site exceeded what was allowed in the Order of Conditions. As a result, the Commission decided that they must enforce the Wetlands Protection Act and the Scenic Mountain Act, which allow for the protection of vegetated wetlands, and banks and slopes greater than 15 percent. The Commission continued to address the issue in two April meetings. The law requires that all altered areas be returned to their pre-violation condition.

Mr. Levkoff said that his plans were to build a home that respected the beauty of the property, and that a mistake was made by a subcontractor. He is willing to do whatever the Conservation Commission requires to make the situation right.

Steve Freschette, the landscape contractor, denied any intention to do



Glynis Oliver

Early spring along the Konkapot behind the Post Office.

harm to the area, but said he takes full responsibility and intends to restore the area to the required condition. He said that while his subcontractor for the clearing, John Field, knew the scope of work he didn't follow it, and showed up with a crew three days earlier than had been expected. However, Mr. Freschette did take full responsibility.

After heated discussion, Steven Levkoff reiterated that he had the best of intentions, and that he resented the contempt shown at the meeting.

The Select Board released a public comment: "The Board has reviewed copies of the Levkoff Enforcement Orders issued by the Conservation Commission under the Wetlands Protection Act and the Scenic Mountains Act. We are shocked and angered that the applicant showed a lack of regard and performed the activities listed in the Enforcement Orders against what was allowed in their previously issued Orders of Condition. The Board would also support the Commission levying any fines they might deem appropriate."

In a later meeting with the Select Board, Walter Cudnowsky, a consultant for Mr. Levkoff, brought photographs of the clear cut that was done on the property in 1985, before Levkoff owned it. On behalf

of Mr. Levkoff, Cudnowsky reiterated the intention of achieving the look of an open woodland glade without sharp edges. To achieve this look, he proposed replanting fifteen moderate size trees, between 2 ½ and 3 ½ inches in diameter—five evergreens and ten deciduous. He said that the number of trees should be small, to encourage ground cover. He did admit that as far as large trees, "a few have gone." His object is to have sixty percent canopy, and forty percent open to the sky, and he promised to continue with the reconstruction, under the supervision of the Conservation Commission.

Elizabeth Goodman, attorney for the abutters, agreed that the principal concern should be the environmental impact. However, she termed the clear cutting a "travesty" and an "outright violation," with the primary intention to clear a view.

Emily Stockman, a wetland and soil scientist hired by the abutters, stated that after a walk around the property, there seemed to be far more stumps than the contractor had counted. She said that the Conservation Commission can request an environmental monitor for the site. There also is a need for erosion control. The contractor's plans for planting the smaller trees within a concrete well to protect them was also questioned. She felt that a crane should not be used, to create minimal disturbance.

West Road Housing Project

Shaun Tucker and Mike Parsons have met with the Select Board, Planning Board, the Board of Health, the Building Commissioner, and the Affordable Housing Committee regarding a proposed development on West Road, off Route 57 across from Lake Buel. The four proposed affordable housing units will sell for about \$160,000, and the remaining twelve houses will be in the mid \$300,000 range.

Dan Moriarty asked whether the houses would have lake rights to Lake Buel. Tucker said that he hoped to sell houses with lake rights through the right of way across the street. The developers hope to start work on the road in late summer if the project goes as planned.

The Select Board has received some letters in opposition to the development.

Lake Matters

Two bald eagles, one immature, were observed sitting on sections of ice on Lake Buel just before it melted, apparently eating fish and bait left behind by the many ice fishermen on the lake this winter. Tree swallows returned the third week in April and were skimming the water for insects. A pair of ospreys was observed fishing in the last week of April.

The Lake Buel Association meeting will be May 23, at 10 a.m., at the Monterey Meetinghouse. Residents and second-

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home owners who will not be attending are urged to return their proxies to the appropriate person, first making sure that the person agrees with them on any important issue and will vote accordingly.

The Lake Buel Watershed Committee has placed a line item on the warrant for the May 2nd Town Meeting for \$5000, which will be used for outlet maintenance. Stephen Rose reports that the beavers have been discouraged at the outlet and that no new activity has been observed lately. Anyone who has comments about activities at the Lake Buel outlet or questions about the water level can call Stephen Rose. Mr. Rose mentioned that he would like to have a buoy placed at the spot where propellers run into trouble during low lake levels. The Watershed Committee is also researching a water control device at the outlet designed to ameliorate flooding.

The landscape around Lake Buel is changing. Blue Heron apartments are no more, having been demolished to make way for three waterfront lots that are for sale by the owner, Jeff Lombardo. Mr. Lombardo found it too difficult to keep the apartments up to the Monterey building code, because they were in poor repair. The lakefront house at Hebert's Cove that burned in the 2007 flood has been replaced



Roz Halberstadter, Rick Andrus, and Denise Andrus admiring a yellow violet on April 25th nature hike led by Bonner McAllester on Bob's Way.

by a spiffy new modular house, which is almost completed.

The town beach on Lake Garfield will open on June 15. A lifeguard will be at the beach on weekends until July 4 and then every day for the rest of the summer. Swimmers at the beach are reminded that if they swim beyond the ropes, or start outside the ropes, the lifeguard is not responsible for their safety. Boats may not operate within 150 feet of any public or private swimming area.

The Friends of Lake Garfield will have meetings monthly in June, July, and August. The combination of drawdown and several importations of weevils have had a beneficial effect on the milfoil in the

lake. LakeFest on Lake Garfield will be the second or third Saturday in August.

On the Roads

Salting and sanding have become a big budget issue. Because of the increased price of salt and sand, residents must decide whether they want a clear roads policy, with the implication that a budget override may be necessary in the future. Because Monterey has no state maintained roads, the cost per mile to salt and sand is high. Director of Operations Maynard Forbes suggested that building a salt shed would save about twenty thousand dollars a year because less salt would be lost and less would be needed in the sand. He also

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said that resurfacing roads like Beartown that are so uneven they cannot be plowed off would save money. Resurfaced roads need about 30 percent less salt.

Edith Wilson House

Five architects submitted proposals for the Edith Wilson house remodeling, and a building permit will be applied for. The remodeling will be funded with money raised by the Edith Wilson House Committee. The town will install and maintain the access roads, as well as the parking areas. The grounds will be designed and maintained by the Monterey Park Commission, or any other suitable town board.

The Wilson/McLaughlin house will then be taken over by the Town of Monterey and will be available as a community center for small civic groups, intimate concerts, art exhibitions, and similar events.

Food Pantry

Fifteen or twenty Monterey families may be in need of food assistance. Some members of our community have suggested that providing this service locally with a Food Pantry would put us ahead of the curve in case of future need, and could also be in place to provide assistance after disasters. Muriel and Bob Lazzarini presented a

proposal to the Select Board outlining how the service could be provided. The budget for the Pantry would be \$10,000–\$13,000 and would be underwritten by donations. The Pantry would be overseen by an Executive Board with representatives from the Town, Gould Farm, the Monterey Church, primary residents, and second-home owners. It would be independent of the church's not-for-profit status.

The Pantry should be sited in a public space, with 250 square feet for the storage of nonperishable foods, a freezer, and a refrigerator. Three or four hundred additional square feet would be needed only on the day that the Pantry is open.

The basement of the Town Hall proved to be the most desirable space, after ten other sites were investigated.

The Select Board approved the plan.

Police Blotter

- False alarms: Woodland Drive (2), Main Road, Mt. Hunger Road, and Swann Road (3).

- Motor vehicle accident; rollover on Main Road.
- Two loose dogs returned to owner on Rockwell Road.
- Illegal dumping of trash in front of transfer station.
- Prowler complaint on Art School road; no one found when police responded.
- Lost/stolen canoe, Sackman Road.
- A permanent speed sign will be installed on Route 23 on the way into Monterey center from the east.

This and That

Diana Piepho and Steve Jervas reported that the committee collecting funds for a second basketball court on town property in remembrance of Jamie Bogdanoff has raised enough funds to begin the process. The Select Board agreed that the next step should be a design proposal and location.

The Town Hall will be closed Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day.

Plan to attend the Fireman's Picnic on the last Saturday in June!!!

— Sue Protheroe

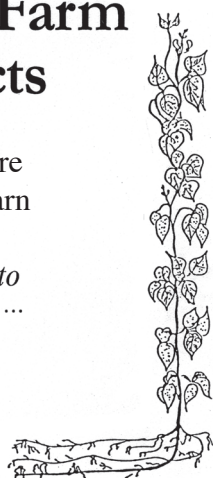


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Memorial Day, May 25, 2009

There will be two events to celebrate Memorial Day, May 25, in Monterey.

A ceremony will be held at **11:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park** located at the corner of Blue Hill Road and Route 23. It is always a solemn, meaningful ceremony for all who attend. Many local veterans and men and women who are presently in the military participate in the ceremony.

We request and encourage all Monterey veterans to attend to honor all those in past and present conflicts of this country. Some of you older veterans and attendees may wish to bring your own chairs. This ceremony usually lasts approximately 45 minutes.

The annual parade will begin at 1:00 p.m., with many groups participating, including our great Mt. Everett Regional High School Band and outstanding Monterey Fire Department. The parade starts at Sandisfield Road, with ceremonies in the center of the village, and then proceeds to the Firehouse where refreshments will be served to all.

Don't miss either of these events and the day that you will never forget; it's one of the reasons that we all are proud of our small community of Monterey and its residents.

— Dean Amidon, Monterey Veterans Memorial Committee

Park Commission Notes

With spring here the Park Commission must focus its attention on getting the beach ready, hiring lifeguards, and maintaining Greene Park for baseball and basketball. But before all that could happen we had to pack away the ice skating rink for the season.

This year was a stellar one for the rink, especially due to the countless volunteer hours Mark Makuc put in making ice. Many families were able to enjoy skating, and we had a skating party on February 21 that was well attended. Steve Graves organized a men's hockey league of about 20 players and on any given night there were between 8 and 12 skaters playing hockey. Michael Wolski ran an impromptu youth hockey skater clinic on Saturday mornings with about 10–12 skaters attending.

Rink hours were adjusted midseason to accommodate families. As always the Park Commission is open to more suggestions on how the rink could be improved. By next year we hope to fix the window in the warming room.

On Saturday, April 4, volunteers showed up at the rink to help take down the boards, which the Commission had refurbished and painted this year. Many thanks go to Steve Graves, Danny Mack, David Gauthier, Kerry Jassen, Carl Jassen, Rick Andrus, Hunter Andrus, Jason Cross, Michael Wolski, Cauanaugh Wolski,

Wild Edibles in Our Own Backyard

On Friday, May 8 from 7:00–8:30 p.m., the Monterey Cultural Council will host a talk, "Edible Wild Plants of the Northeast," by John Root of Amherst at the Monterey Meetinghouse. A botanist and educator, the speaker will present an introduction to our region's wild edible plants, including their habitats, uses, preparation, and how to identify them. Root brings his years of study in biology and secondary school teaching to Monterey for this free lecture and Power Point presentation that is appropriate for all ages. For more information, see John Root's website: www.johnroot.net.

Emerson Wolski, Dean Heal, and Gabriel Ibanez for coming out and helping on that cold morning.

In closing, the members of the Park Commission would like to salute **Leroy Thorpe** for his many years of service to the town. Leroy will be stepping down from his post as chair of the Commission and Bridget Krans will be taking up the reins.

— Valerie Zantay

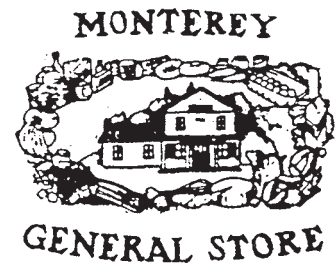


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The Position of Town Clerk in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The office of Town Clerk traditionally can be compared to a hub around which the wheel of local government revolves. The spokes of the wheel represent the various boards, departments, and committees. The rim of the wheel represents the many segments of state government from which many of the Town Clerk's official duties and responsibilities stem.

Yet, despite the fact that the General Court over the years, has added constantly to the duties, complexities, problems, authorities, and responsibilities of the office, it no longer enjoys, in much of New England, the standing and prestige in local government it once held.

Part of the reason for this anachronistic situation lies in the dual nature of the position itself, since the Town Clerk function is spelled out in a bewildering morass of both Town By-Laws and State Statutes. Paid by the Town, the Clerk is nevertheless responsible in critical areas not to the Town but to the State. Although the Town Clerk is visible to the public in many ways, many of the duties are hidden from the public and hence go unnoticed and unappreciated.

The loss of prestige has been gradual. The reasons for it appear to include:

1. The willingness of dedicated public servants to continue to serve their com-

munities despite the fact in many cases they are underpaid and overworked.

2. The failure of most communities to recognize the relative importance of the position as compared to other positions in the town.

3. The unwillingness of the General Court to include additional compensation, except in rare instances, when it adds to the duties and responsibilities of the office.

4. The emergence of the Board of Selectmen as the dominant forces in local governments.

5. The addition of highly paid administrative staff to the Selectmen's office.

6. The lack of knowledge on the part of the general public as to what a Town Clerk's job really is, the duties and responsibilities it actually encompasses, the consequences of failure to comply with all aspects of the laws that control the Clerk's official actions, and the knowledge and training required to fill the post.

Since it is an elective office, except in those instances where incumbents have been granted life tenure, anybody can run and anybody can be elected whatever his or her qualifications or lack of same. Of equal importance, because the office is elective, no provisions have yet been made in most towns to make sure that compensation for the position is commensurate with the increasing responsibilities that have been added to the job over the years. This

position, since it is elected, is outside the range of most authority. The Clerk must either convince others of an appropriate salary or plead the case on the floor of a Town Meeting.

The Town Clerk's position is spelled out in 73 chapters and 451 sections of the General Laws, and the By-Laws of the 312 towns in the Commonwealth, semiofficial duties and responsibilities with customs and practices that have evolved over the years and vary somewhat from town to town, and, finally, unofficial but vital functions Town Clerks perform because of the natural tendency of citizens to seek out the Town Clerk as a source of information or assistance about almost any aspect of town affairs, services, or functions.

It is small wonder, then, that few if any of the citizens who live in the hundreds of communities served by Town Clerks are aware of the knowledge, skill, experience, and dedication required by these public servants to fulfill adequately the legal, quasi-legal, and public relations aspects of their jobs. Some people think of a Town Clerk as the person who registers births, deaths, and marriages; sells hunting, dog, and fishing licenses; takes minutes at Town Meetings; and is usually to be found at elections.

Actually, the Town Clerk relates to nearly every Town official in some way, as well as to all boards and committees.

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At the State level the Clerk has duties and responsibilities under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Department of Revenue, the Attorney General, and the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife and local, State, and Federal Courts.

Among the many duties and authorities of the Town Clerk prescribed by law, those relating to elections and Town Meetings are the most complex. In the case of Town Meetings, failure to comply with literally hundreds of legal requirements can often invalidate actions taken by citizens in Town Meetings or cause challenges resulting in court actions and unfortunate publicity. Likewise, failure to observe any one of the hundreds of laws relating to the registration of voters, the conduct of elections, or the certification of results can and often does erupt in legal problems and, again, unfavorable headlines.

The problems of legality would be relatively simple were it not for the fact that the laws are being changed constantly. It is seldom indeed in recent years that a legislature has not amended in some way the laws pertaining to the duties, authorities, and responsibilities of Massachusetts Town Clerks. Since it is a statutory requirement that Town Clerks must receive advance copies of *all new or amended laws*, Clerks must spend an inordinate amount of time just trying to understand the laws so that they can comply with them.

One of the vital legal responsibilities of Town Clerks, of which most citizens are unaware, involves actions taken by the

voters in Town Meetings. Most citizens assume that once money is voted at Town Meeting, it is immediately available for use. Such is not the case. Certification must be made by the Town Clerk for every dollar voted before it may be spent. This also applies to bonds voted. The Town Clerk must witness the signatures of the Selectmen and Treasurer on the actual bond, certify the article as it appeared in the warrant, certify the article as voted by the Town Meeting, certify the warrant and vote to the bank that accepts the bond, and certify to the Department of Revenue that all certification procedures have been performed as prescribed by law.

The legal requirements for the handling of vital statistics make this seemingly simple function extremely complex. Again, failure to observe the letter of the law can result in serious consequences for the Town Clerk and for the parties involved. The issuance of a marriage license, for instance, would seem to be a simple clerical operation. Actually, it involves receiving the filing of intentions and making sure that all legal qualifications relating to age, residence, previous marriages, and other matters are in order before the license is issued.

Both the authority and accountability of the Town Clerk are absolute concerning elections. In town elections the Clerk has *all of the duties of the Secretary of the Commonwealth* in addition to regular election responsibilities.

Every Election Day, all Town Clerks in Massachusetts stake their reputation

on the actions and activities of appointed wardens and other election officials. Since they must certify all results, the Town Clerks are guilty when public officers fail to perform and irregularities result. The penalties are heavy, \$1000 fine and up to 12 months in jail.

Town Clerks are required to make decisions or give interpretations of a legal nature. In making these legal or quasi-legal judgments, Town Clerks place their reputations on the line. In many other areas, the Town Clerks must walk a legal tightrope because theirs is the "office of record." They must handle delicate matters such as legitimacy and the rights of any citizen to view public records. For all meetings of Committees and Boards, the Clerk must be sure that notices are filed and posted on time so that actions taken at these meetings will not be null and void. The Clerk must certify that advertising of various kinds is both timely and legal.

Town Clerks have, over the years, accepted additional duties that do not appear either in the State Statutes or Town By-laws. Clerks accept assignments such as maintaining Town Cemetery records, plot plans, variances, etc. Others act as Burial Agents and perform other functions too numerous to mention. Another example is the latest duty acquired by Town Clerks. Although the General Court made Assessors in the various towns responsible for certifying the residency of veterans who qualify for a State bonus, they do not have the records to make this determination. Town Clerks have now been authorized to perform this additional function.

The sign on the door may have posted hours, but the Town Clerk is actually on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week when a citizen needs assistance.

— Linda Thorpe and Barbara Swann



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Local Historian Bernard Drew at May 20th Potluck

At the April Potluck Supper, Jeannette Maguire gave a fascinating and informative lecture on how she practices Feng Shui, combining the psychology of the West with the spirituality of the East. We are grateful to her for giving us the opportunity to learn more about the craft of Feng Shui.

For the May Potluck, we have renowned local historian and freelance writer Bernard Drew, author of numerous articles and reference books. He will be speaking on his latest local history project, a book about Monterey's Lake Buel: *Gibson's Grove and Turner's Landing: Lake Buel's Century as a Summer Resort*.

The next Monterey Community Potluck Dinner will be Wednesday, May 20, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Monterey Meetinghouse. Please bring a dish to share with a serving utensil, and a plate and silverware for yourself. All are welcome.

— Kyle Pierce

Monterey School Seeks Students

The Monterey School still has openings for next year. It will be a kindergarten class with a teacher-student ratio of 1:3 or 1:4. If you know anyone who has a child going in to kindergarten (turning 5 years old by December 31, 2009) pass on the word that it is a special little school with lots of learning and fun.

In addition to reading, writing, and arithmetic the school has art, music, and gym. Every other week the children take a trip to the Monterey Library and have story time with Kate Basler. Nutritious lunches are provided by the Monterey General Store.

Children from any town are welcome. We have had students "choice in" from as far away as Becket and Sheffield.

If you wish to register your child call, Undermountain Elementary at 413-229-8754 and speak with the principal's office at ext. 377.



Thanks to Jan Emmons for the Riverbank Daffodils

Daffodils blooming on the riverbank in the center of town and at the Monterey Church are more beautiful every year. I always smile when I see them and am appreciative of the donor and especially of the planter of each and every plant. Dean Amidon had the inspiration of plantings on the bank, and Jan Emmons made it a reality. Setting in bulbs on a steep bank in a wet cold fall is not the easiest or most fun job there is. I can still see Jan in high rubber boots, warm jacket and hat, gloves—hanging on so as not to slip—and digging and digging and planting for days. The days were gray, windy, but she was persistent. The result is a garden of beauty, and cheer for us all to enjoy. Well, we do. And thank you, Jan, it is a lasting and lovely addition to the town center, the first sign of spring when we need it! Good job well done.

— Fran Amidon

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Monterey Meets Ngalla Mosquito Nets Delivered

Early in April, Dr. Ruth Engo, President of African Action on AIDS, traveled to the village of Ngalla, Cameroon, to deliver the one hundred bed nets purchased by Monterey residents and friends during the holidays last year, and to introduce the idea of a partnership between their village and our village. In Ruth's words, "They were received with great joy in the form of singing and dancing by the village women," and it is with great joy that we begin to share the bits of information we have gathered about this little village and its residents and about the developing partnership.

Ruth took with her a letter of greeting from the Monterey Meets Ngalla Committee that contained these words: "*We extend our hearts and hands across the ocean to greet you, and to invite you to join with us in a discussion about how we might create a partnership between the village of Ngalla and the village of Monterey. We would like to learn about your lives in Ngalla, and we would like to answer your questions about our lives here in Monterey. We have spoken with Dr. Engo about a partnership that we hope would enrich your lives and our lives through friendship, and through our shared interest in healthy, responsible, and happy living. In the spirit of friendship, we send our greetings and our wishes for health, peace and prosperity in your lives.*"

Along with the letter was a list of things we hoped to learn about Ngalla and its people. After distributing the bed nets, Ruth asked the villagers to answer a survey describing their daily life before



setting the mosquito nets up in their homes. From this we learn that Ngalla (located in the center of Cameroon, about 2.5 hours by car from the capital of Yaounde) is the main village surrounded by smaller villages: Ngolle, Mebae', Akoua, and Eboman. All of the villagers speak both Beti, the local dialect, and French. The village has a primary school where the children learn French, English, and mathematics. Most villagers finish elementary school, and most become farmers, growing crops of cassava, corn, cocoyam, groundnuts, plantains, and yams.

The village also has two teachers, three pastors for the three churches (Presbyterian, Adventist, and Catholic), and a few traders. The average number of children per family is about six, and while most relationships are monogamous, about 20 percent are polygamous. The homes are made mostly of local materials and have no electricity or running water inside; latrines are outside the house. There is one midwife but no other health agent in the village, and the building started thirty years ago for a health clinic is still unfinished. Leisure activities are singing, drumming, and dancing, and a typical meal, of which there are two a day, would

be Kpwem (cassava leaves) and cassava or cocoyam tubers.

Together with the Monterey Meets Ngalla Committee and the Center for Peace Through Culture, Dr. Engo selected this particular village for a partnership because it has an active group of 75 women who have demonstrated a firm commitment to improving living conditions and taking personal responsibility for their own health and the health of their families and the village. Consistent with the philosophy of African Action on AIDS that people must take personal responsibility for their lives and not become lazy and dependent on others, all of these women have deposited small amounts of money into the village bank as a first step toward meeting the cost of their health care needs.

Ruth will return to Ngalla for three days in June to celebrate the Day of the African Child and to give her workshop on "AIDS Awareness and Envisioning a World Without AIDS" to the village children. Ruth added, in her report, "Until that time, the people of Ngalla are further protected from the threat of malaria by the help of the citizens of Monterey."

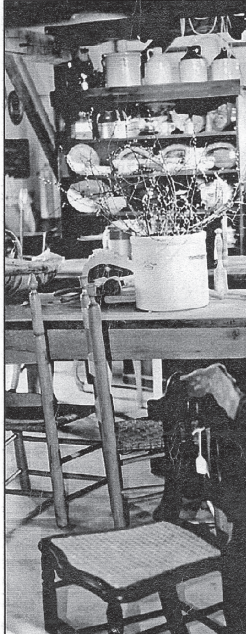
Ruth's report came to us with many beautiful photos from Ngalla which we will have on display at the Monterey General Store over Memorial Day weekend and the following week. We hope you will all take a look.

— Kathie Frome

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Left photo: At the screening of Jason Brown's new film at the recent Boston International Film Festival: (front, l-r) Emily and Olivia Sands; (back row, l-r) Julie Webster, Jason Brown, Amber Voiles, Gerry Leane. Above: John Humphrey, the film's producer.

Report from Boston International Film Festival

AmorousFilms was excited to represent Monterey and the Berkshires at The Boston International Film Festival this year. The festival took place April 17–26, with opening night screening to over 900 viewers. They treated AmorousFilms like royalty, giving us a taste of the Hollywood Red Carpet. We couldn't have had a better time.

Taken, shot here in Monterey (see *Monterey News*, November 2008) premiered the night of the 24th to an enthusi-

astic crowd that also included judges and filmmakers. Other films displayed such talents as Matt Dillon, Kate Beckinsale, Ethan Hawke, Mark Ruffalo, and Marsha Gay Harden, but we believe *Taken* held its own. We'll see what the judges say.

Present at the screening from the Berkshires were Julie Webster, Rick, Emily and Olivia Sands, Monterey's John Humphrey, and myself. Julie plays an unworldly new client of bestselling psychologist Dr. Gerald Williams (Gerry Leane) who turns his life inside out.

We were invited to take questions afterward—our favorites being “What

inspired you to make a film about the connection between poetry and psychology?” and “What was your reason for making the male lead a Jungian psychologist?”

The movie is compact with psychology, philosophy, and poetry with several layers of meaning, so we were happy to have an intelligent audience, which is no surprise in Boston.

Taken played at the Triplex in Great Barrington over the winter, and we are planning another screening. For more information about *Taken* and AmorousFilms, go to www.amorousfilms.com.

— Jason Brown

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Monterey Library Notes

On May 9 Moxie the Reading Dog will be back for her monthly visit to the Monterey Library. Moxie has been read to by children of all ages and abilities. She loves to listen to new readers and enjoys the pictures. She is an exceptionally well-behaved dog and great for children who are anxious around dogs. Not only do they learn to read aloud without criticism, they are exposed to a well-trained dog. Moxie often listens to repeat readers who have read to her before, but there is room in the schedule for some new readers. She comes around 10 a.m. and is usually in the library for around 40 minutes—call 413-528-3795 or email montereylibrary@gmail.com for your appointment now!

For the past several months the newest organization in Monterey, the Friends of the Monterey Library, has been meeting and planning how to start an organization that will help the Monterey Library expand in many ways. They have been busy setting up bylaws and the paperwork necessary to become a charitable organization. Why? Because they believe the library can be even better than it is now! The library isn't just a building, a staff, Trustees, and volunteers—it is one of the centers of Monterey. The Friends will become part of the library and help in many different ways. Funds raised will be available to help supplement the circulating materials budget and other projects that will benefit

the library. The Friends will also provide the library with a source for volunteers for special projects and a way for patrons to show support for the library's various endeavors. Would you like to help the library? Be on the lookout in next month's *Monterey News* for details on how to become one of the founding members of what just may turn out to be the best Friends of the Monterey Library ever!

The first project the Friends have undertaken is a letter writing campaign in support of funding from the State Budget—Line 7000-9401 for Fiscal Year 10—which provides the budget for the Western Mass Regional Library System. Many of you won't recognize that organization, but they provide the Bookmobile, the delivery for interlibrary loan items from CWMARS, and all the technical and educational support that keeps our small library in step with the times. The help that WMRLS has provided over the years to the Monterey Library is far in excess of the pitifully small amount of money the State House has granted the Massachusetts Library Commissioners to support the regional systems. In this time of economic trouble the library is the best bargain around—so make sure Rep. Smitty Pignatelli (Rep.Smitty@hou.state.ma.us) and Senator Benjamin Downing (Benjamin.Downing@state.ma.us) hear just how important the library is to you.

— Mark Makuc, Library Director



Joint Museums Ticketing

Four Berkshire County cultural venues have partnered this year to offer visitors selection and value with their "Pick Two" and "American Icons" joint admission program. Visitors at participating museums can purchase a joint admission ticket for two sites, three sites, or to all four—Chesterwood, Hancock Shaker Village, The Mount, and Norman Rockwell Museum—and receive discounted admission at each site.

The program, which offers a comprehensive experience of the best that the Berkshires has to offer at a great price, begins May 1 and is slated to run through the end of October. Visitors can discover the rich history and culture of four American cultural treasures located in the heart of Berkshire County, offering a unique opportunity to explore the life, work, and creative process of sculptor Daniel Chester French, artist Norman Rockwell, writer Edith Wharton, and the innovative community of the Shakers. Visitors can purchase an adult ticket for two of the four sites for \$26, three sites for \$36, or visit all four within four days for \$46. Tickets are available at all four participating sites.

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Marsh marigolds, photographed by Bonner McAllester.

CATA Performance Stretches the Imagination

Community Access to the Arts will present "Mission Imagination" at the Founders' Theatre in Lenox on Saturday, May 2, at 6 p.m. and Sunday, May 3, at 1 p.m. From uproarious improvisation and cheeky modern dance, to joyful jazz and techno-tap, the show celebrates the creativity of people with disabilities, amazing and inspiring the audience with CATA's message of inclusion.

This year's show marks a new direction for the organization's annual presentation, with six works commissioned specifically to premiere during this gala weekend. The new pieces each riff on the theme "Mission: Imagination" and appear thanks to the generosity of CATA supporters Janet and Bart Elsbach, Beth Maher, Steve and Helice Picheny, Emily Rechnitz and John Paladino, Liz and Mark Williams, and CATA's board of directors. Dawn Lane, CATA's Program and Artistic Director, said, "The goal this year is to challenge our faculty, our participants, and our audience to re-discover a most forgotten tool; the imagination. By doing so, we continue to transcend disability and impact our community with definition-defying work."

Community Access to the Arts' mission is to nurture and celebrate the creativity of people with disabilities through shared experiences in the visual and performing arts. Tickets for the Saturday evening show are \$95 for cocktails and performance, \$175 with dinner, dancing, and silent auction following. Tickets for the Sunday matinee are \$20 for adults, \$5 for children. Reservations are recommended. For more information, call 413-528-5485.

Library Help Wanted

The Monterey Library, 452 Main Road, Monterey, is looking for an Intermittent Substitute Librarian. The position will not guarantee any hours, but there will be training as needed to keep up with changes in the library circulation system. The position is being created to allow the current staff time off for scheduling emergencies and vacations, and to assist the staff during particularly busy times.

Requirements include being able to work any of the hours the library is open, to run the circulation desk and assist patrons with finding books, and to assist patrons with the use of public computers. A high school diploma or GED is required, and further education beyond that is desirable. Basic computer skills will be necessary. Applicants should be interested in working with the public and able to display friendliness, tact, patience, and maturity. Due to the nature of the position, flexibility in scheduling and the ability to work the current library hours are a must. Hours and information about the library are available on the Town of Monterey website.

The hourly pay rate will be based on experience.

Send a resume and letter of interest to Mark Makuc, Director, Monterey Library, PO Box 172, Monterey, MA 01245 or by email to montereylibrary@gmail.com by June 1, 2009.

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Maybe tomorrow snow*

*Light floods the glass pane
Teasing me to plant
Laughing through my windows
Knowing that I can't*

*Yet off I go regardless
Needing to feel free
Of winter's long confinement
Early sun warming me*

*Ritual fires burning
Working with the land
Feel the earth moving
A part of nature's hand*

— Christine Goldfinger

Moles

*digging tunnels through
your yard just to annoy you
they just won't leave you alone*

— Isabel Bronson (age 9)

Sky

*The sky it looks like a
blueberry that just
exploded*

*The little tiny seeds
make fluffy white clouds*

*The rain coming out of
the clouds are big globs of
blueberry juice*

*the snow is blueberry seeds that have
not
puffed into clouds.*

— Isabel Bronson

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*at noon, the sun shines on the hard polish
of the desk and on a harder heart*

*the office is at Olympian heights
and the hovels are far, far away
the buttons on the intercom are red and gray*

*sometimes he fingers them, whispering
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Agave Farming in the Invisible Village

Many people know the agave, maguey, or century plant from the cactus section of greenhouses or botanical gardens. Agaves are not cacti at all, but they are members of the same botanical community. We don't usually see them here in New England except in pots or in the pages of *Arizona Highways Magazine*.

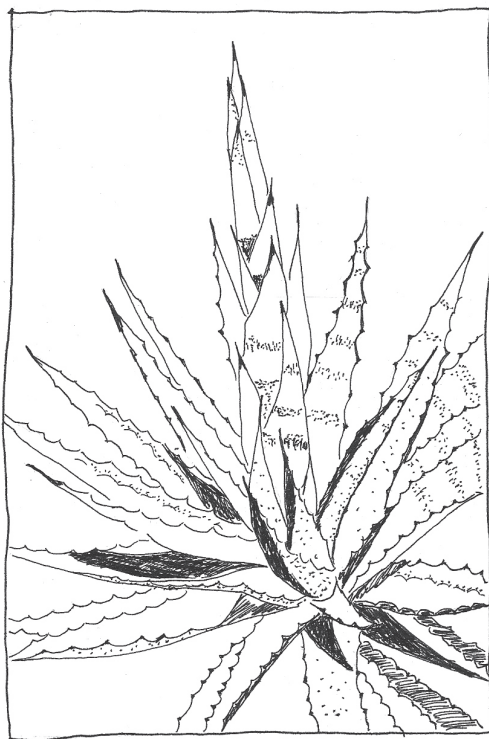
I got to know century plants, as we called them, during childhood visits to the Southwest. We dug a little one up and brought it home in a coffee can when I was seven, and it grew slowly and handsomely in our house under my mother's care. Every few years she put on thick gloves and bravely repotted it, and eventually we inherited this large spiky plant ourselves, here on Hupi Road. One day we had to give it to a friend with a bigger house.

I've just read that Agave was a queen from Greek mythology, a follower of Dionysus who, along with all the women of Thebes, was driven mad. They took to wild partying on Mount Cithaeron. When Agave's son Pentheus heard about this he went up there to put a stop to the nonsense, only to be torn to bits by his own mom (she didn't recognize him).

Torn to bits is a real possibility for anyone tangling with an agave. As a kid I was once playing with older pals in Arizona,

and when someone dared us to jump over the big "century plant," I was the one who didn't quite make it: torn to bits, patched with mercurochrome and band-aids.

Like so many desert plants, the agave protects itself from evaporation with waxy coatings and discourages browsers with



Agave, near Peppersauce Creek, AZ
Sending up tall flower stalk. The plant will die after blooming.

thorns. Its leaves are succulent and its core is delicious, to people and to animals. Peccaries, or javelinas, tip the plant over

to get at this feast, and people have been known to do the same thing.

I took a train trip to Arizona last month. East of Tucson along the San Pedro River I was taken to see "an invisible village." This site is one geological bench up from the river bottom where there once was a quiburi, which means "many houses." Here the Sobaipuri Indians made their homes and cultivated agaves. Though the Sobaipuri have been gone for three hundred years, their agave field is still plain to see in the form of regularly placed rock piles. They arranged rocks around the plants to keep the new transplants from being blown over, to concentrate moisture, and probably also to fend off the javelinas.

Some folks think of tequila when considering the agave. Others know about the fiber in the leaves, used to make sisal and all sorts of ropes and textiles. Lately a high-fructose sweetener has appeared on the health food shelves called Agave Nectar. This is a super-sweet refined liquid made from the sap of the agave. It is not the nectar from the flowers.

The Aztecs mashed up agave leaves to make an antibiotic that cleaned wounds of *Staphylococcus aureus* and *E. coli* bacteria. They also collected sap to make a fermented drink like beer called pulque.

The Sobaipuri are gone, driven off by Apaches. They were a branch of the Akimel O'odham or River People (formerly called

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Pima), but joined up and merged with the Tohono O'odham (Papago). They were dry-land farmers whose agave fields were perfectly engineered and flattened to catch the monsoon rains and not let it run off. They got starch, sugar, medicine, fiber, and beverage from the handsome agaves and replanted to keep the supply steady.

Nowadays the scarce water of the Sonoran Desert is pumped from deeper and deeper underground, dropping the water table to irrigate big fields for animal feed, orchards, truck farms, and, of course, to provide for the growing human population in those dry, clean-air places. Most southwestern rivers are dry downstream and do not make it to their confluences except during the brief monsoon period. Most also have been dammed for reservoir use, for recreation, and for irrigation. The San Pedro is particularly precious because it has no dams, no motorboats, no lakeside condos. There is a community of folks living in the valley, on a washboard dirt road. Many of them drive slow, conserve water, put up solar panels, and learn what they can from the long-gone agave farmers, the Sobaipuri.

— Bonner J. McAllester

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May 30 Benefit Concert for Sandisfield Fire Department & Arts Center

On Saturday, May 30, at Sandisfield Fire Station No. 2 on Route 57 in Sandisfield, the Mountain Laurel Band will present an evening of music and square and contra dancing. Bring a picnic or purchase hotdogs and hamburgers offered by the Fire Department starting at 6 p.m. The concert begins at 7 p.m. Adult admission is \$10, \$5 for children, with all proceeds going to the Sandisfield Fire Department and the Sandisfield Arts Center.

The Mountain Laurel Band features Joe Baker on guitar, Bonner McAllester on hammered dulcimer, and Don MacLean on fiddle. They have been performing New England contra and square dance music since 1978. All are welcome.

Orders may be placed through May 21. Rain barrel pick-up day is Saturday, May 30, at the Tri-Town Health Department parking lot until 1 p.m. To order a barrel or for further information, call The New England Rain Barrel Company at 877-977-3135 or order online at www.nerainbarrel.com.



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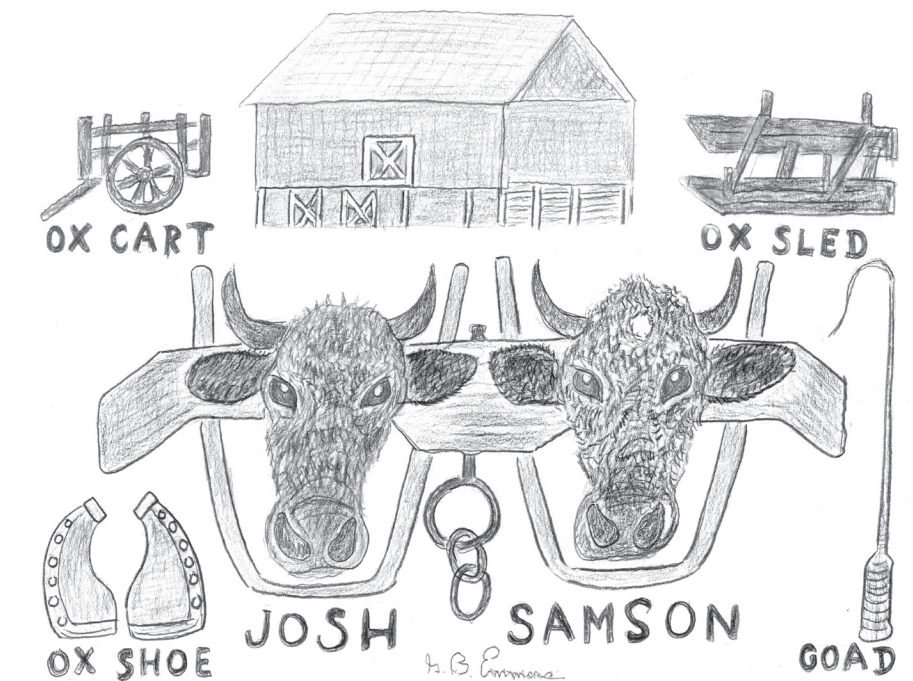
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Hardy Steers on the Farm

As the warming sun of another growing season rises over the mountains of western Massachusetts, Monterey continues to preserve an agricultural character along the country roads lined with sugar maples once again holding sap buckets and feeder lines connected to sugar shacks. Standing sentinels of a farming heritage are old dairy barns next to hayfields lined with stonewalls and fences that still today hold a wide diversity of livestock.

At Gould Farm two sturdy steers can be seen along with a variety of mixed breed bovines within the white fences next to the old sheep barn. They are in training to become oxen, a lengthy process, and they will not be formally recognize as such until they are four years old. One is named Josh and the other is Samson. They are both a crossbreed of Jersey and Holstein and are already more than two years old, having already marched down Main Street in two Memorial Day parades.

Oxen were the preferred beasts of burden on many farms in New England in colonial times because they made good use of the bull calves, which could be altered to be docile yet strong. Then, when they could no longer pull their own weight, they could be eaten and their hide made into leather products. Today teams of Durhams may be seen at Hancock Shaker Village, the offspring of milking



shorthorns, which were most popular. Today at country fairs all over the eastern states, including the local Blandford Fair, pulling contests demonstrate the oxen's sure-footed power as they lean into yokes across their thick necks pulling loads of thousands of pounds.

One hundred and thirty teams of oxen marched into Revolutionary War history in mid-January 1776 through the then rugged roads of Monterey, when Col. Henry Knox brought some eighty cannons from Fort Ticonderoga toward Boston to liberate it from British occupation. According to

Knox's journal of this miraculous logistical achievement, like Hannibal crossing the Alps with elephants, the most precarious challenge was passing through what are now Otis, Becket, and Blandford, then called Greenwoods. One of the cannons, affectionately named the Hog, weighed five thousand pounds, but several teams hitched up in tandem were enough to deliver the bacon all the way to a critical victory.

Col. Knox became Washington's artillery general and subsequently employed several hundred teams bringing firepower to the battles in New Jersey then south to Yorktown, where he kept the British fleet with reinforcements at bay until Cornwallis surrendered. After the war Knox succeeded Washington as commander in chief, a rather remarkable career for a bookstore owner from Boston who was fortunate enough to team up with beasts of burden that had been raised from hardy steers on New England farms.

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Letter from College

Balancing Reality and Reflections

It is hard to fathom that this journey will end in just four weeks. I am currently juggling: job applications, dance show rehearsals, mentoring, two significant research papers and presentations, a heavy reading load, finals preparation, Roosevelt work and staff transitions, beautiful spring weather, and quality time with friends that I may not see again for a long time.

Needless to say, the continued chaotic nature of Middlebury life leaves little time for final reflections. There are times as I sit at pub night, put on my Irish dance shoes, or recently when I took my last midterm that I realize how quickly things are coming to an end. I feel reasonably ready to graduate now, even as I continue to navigate the post-college opportunities and iron out future plans. I am ready to be done with the constant grind of work, although this semester has been enjoyable in the academic aspect. While three of my classes are great, I think the fact it is my last semester kept it new and exciting.

There is a lot I am going to miss about college, and different things still hit me every day. In a way, however, I felt these same things last year as I prepared to leave London. The faint hints of nostalgia, un-

certainty, regret, excitement, and days of reflection all feel very familiar. I did have Middlebury to return to, so leaving was not as life changing, in the same sense. I think I've become used to comings and goings; home is also always there as a grounding mechanism.

Where I end up, in the Berkshires for a bit, in Washington, D.C., on the West coast, or even Europe if the cards are ever dealt as such, is up for grabs. My brain is on overload as I go back and forth between reflections of the past, the daily grind of the moment, and the pondering of future endeavors. People often reflect on the transition from college to the real world as an incredible time, and I am inclined to agree.

What is really truly amazing is how much it is one of those crossroads of your life; looking back, peering forward, basking in the current glow of spring sun. The first flowers are finally poking up from the ground as another spring arrives, students are sprawled on the lawn (perhaps drooling on their books as they doze), the books pile high in the library work stations, the coffee flows as if from fountains, and college will continue for another cycle for most students. The feel on campus is much the same as in previous springs.

The seniors are beginning to understand what it means to be done with college; we care a little less about those

short assignments that were really busy-work all the way along. We spend more time sprawled in lounges sharing jokes and laughing; we linger at dinner on the balcony of Ross soaking in the sunset rays. We have work to complete, a ridiculous amount as always, but at this point we know we will graduate. Despite the perfectionist tendencies most of us have (we are Middlebury students after all), we are also almost ex-students. We're allowed to have our own views on perfectionism change and shift as the next stage in our life demands.

Thanks to my education at Middlebury and in London, and thanks to those friends and professors, I also realize that my liberal arts education leaves me with a profound basis to continue learning in my everyday life. We are taught things in the classroom, and although they do not always linger with us over the years, the process from class to class is remarkably similar; the method and pattern through which one absorbs information really sinks in. Such ability comes to define who we are and how we will succeed in an incredibly diverse number of careers and endeavors. We'll always be students, in one way or another. When I sit down next time to write, I will be a college graduate and I think a little part of me is still in absolute denial, but for now it is back to my research paper. Happy spring!

— Tarsi Dunlop



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Every Day Is Earth Day

Well let's see, where are we? We have started some vegetables inside, and the little darlings are adding their beautiful bright green color to the shelf or windowsill. Last month I discussed the need to keep the vegetable garden safe from our wild animal buddies, and now surely it must be time to prepare the garden for planting. This month I'm going to throw out a whole slew of suggestions about site preparation and planning, some of which you may know well and others not so much. Being an impatient person by nature, I have certainly learned the hard way that it's a better idea to plan the garden first. So here goes.

Pick a good site to start with—one that is convenient for you to work on. You can cut down on a lot of work later by making sure that your hose is really easy to reach, that you can spend time in your vegetable plot comfortably, and that you are not competing for space with the kids and dogs as well as the local woodchucks. And be sure to get your soil tested—don't guess about how much fertilizer and other nutrients to add, as this always leads to overdoing it. The test is not expensive, and the information is well worth the trouble. Your soil test will tell you the pH as well. Most vegetables like a slightly acid soil, but there are exceptions. Be sure to write on your soil test form what you plan to grow, so the testers can advise you on pH adjustment. The address for the UMass Agricultural Extension soil testing lab

is Soil and Plant Tissue Testing Laboratory, West Experiment Station, 682 North Pleasant Street, Amherst MA 01003; www.umass.edu/soiltest.

The size and form of your garden will be determined by the needs of your site. Is it dry? Wet? Do you have enough sun? Vegetables need at least six, preferably eight, hours of sun every day. It's very hard to fudge on this. I've tried and ended up with mostly lettuce and a few peas. The rest need all the sun you can give them.

I'm not a big fan of tilling, but if you have to do it to prepare the site then go ahead. Just remember that in subsequent years you are better off forking in organic matter on the top of the bed rather than turning the whole thing over year after year. Tilling disturbs the soil structure too much and creates a hard layer underneath the till depth. You can get the quality of soil you want by making raised beds rather than digging deeply. And it's a lot less work. When we create vegetable gardens we bring in compost and topsoil and lay it right on top of existing turf grass, which is never seen again. It doesn't take very long for the grass to die, and the worms do their job of mixing the compost and the soil below.

So we have a site now, and the soil is ready to go, the fence is up, the hose is right at hand—what are we growing? What we like to eat, that's what! Skip all the things

you feel blasé about and only grow what you really like—it'll be a lot easier to get out there and maintain the garden if you do. I've made the mistake of growing kale so many times, and I don't even like kale. Don't bother, just add some more tomatoes instead. Think hard about the size of your garden. Unless it is pretty large, growing corn is probably not worth it. You'll devote a lot of space to it all summer and get one or two ears per stalk, if the raccoons or the birds don't get there first. Giant pumpkins and squashes probably don't belong in your garden either, for that matter. The smaller squashes are easily trained up a trellis to save space, but don't try to do that with a 40 pound Hubbard. I've found that peas, beans, carrots, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, summer squash, acorn squash, tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplants (maybe), lettuce, and onions are the big producers that can justify the space I give them. Growing garlic is probably not the most practical thing to do, but I do it anyway because it's fun. You get the idea. Once you get the basic categories determined, then it's time to choose varieties. Look for early- and late-maturing varieties so that you can spread out your harvest, and of course the pest- and disease-resistant varieties will make things easier for you. It is after all better to avoid problems than to try to fix them, and resistant varieties can help you do that.

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By all means I encourage you to try all the heirloom varieties you can find. They have distinctive flavors, and even more importantly they have survived because they are adapted to growing in particular regions. Heirloom vegetable varieties are worth the effort to research because you know they will grow well—remember we are not trying to struggle with our environment but grow in harmony with it. Besides, heirlooms have a story to tell, and it is so satisfying to know the history of the food you grow. It makes the whole experience richer.

Laying out a garden plan can really save you trouble later. In our region the sun is almost always in the southern half of the sky. To keep taller plants from shading the little ones, grow the shorties at the south end of the garden and the taller kinds at the north end. When you make your plan, try to grow vegetables from the same families near each other, so that you can avoid having their growth stunted by incompatible combinations. And remember that you can't eat the whole crop at once! You can get a lot more out of your garden by planting short rows of each

crop successively over several weeks, or even months if they're fast growers. Be sure to leave room in your garden plan for those extra rows.

Finally, set aside an area for perennial crops if you have the space for them. No sense in trying to climb around the asparagus plants all summer just to thin your carrots. Perennials and annuals will have different water requirements too and are easier to care for if grouped together.

I mentioned vegetables before. Vegetables have some varieties that they like to grow near and, much like people, some others that just rub them the wrong way. It's no use trying to make things work. Some vegetables inhibit each other's growth, and although you can take this to absurd extremes and drive yourself crazy trying to make sure that all your vegetables are happy, here are a few helpful rules. Beans or peas (legumes) and onions don't like each other and don't do well together. Tomatoes don't grow well next to potatoes even though they are from the same family. Lettuce is good anywhere, and if you have any doubts about two different vegetables



you can always stick a row or two of lettuce between them. Fennel will inhibit just about anything and should be given a room of its own. Pole beans don't like the brassicas (broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower) and should be separated from them. Most good vegetable gardening guides will list these incompatibilities so that you can keep track of them.

It has become very hard to say exactly when to plant which vegetables. Traditionally we can get a final hard frost in the last week of May and work off that date for planting time. With the effects of global warming being felt in our region already, such rules are not so clear anymore. The hot weather types, like tomatoes, squash, peppers, and beans, clearly should go into the garden late in May or early June. The cold-tolerant varieties, like peas, lettuce, and carrots, can be started now as long as you can cover them in really cold weather. Perhaps the best way to approach this is with successive planting so that if some early starts get zapped, the whole crop will not be lost.

By next month we will pretty much have everything in the garden, so we'll talk about watering, feeding, and other good things to get the new plants off to a good start.

— Ruth Green



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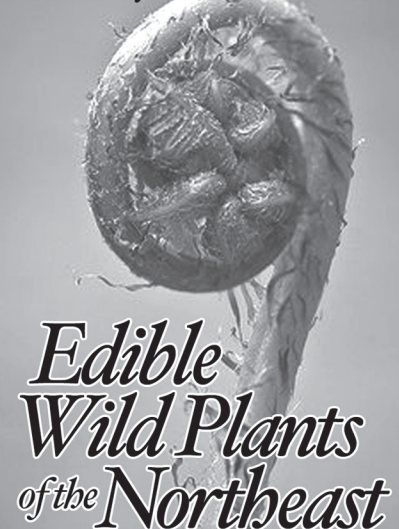
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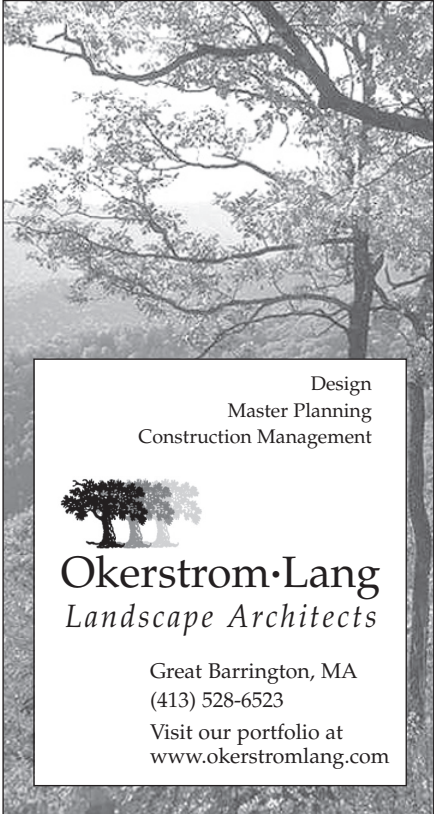
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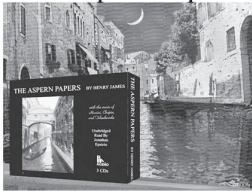
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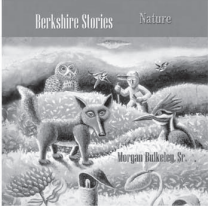
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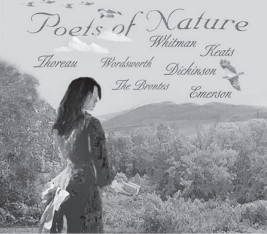
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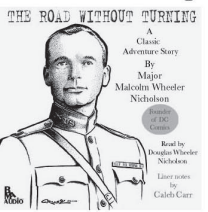
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An Introduction

To the Editor:

It is time that we introduced ourselves to Monterey residents. We are Susan and Steven Levkoff, owners of the property at 26 Eaton Road, and we want to build a home for our children and grandchildren here, amidst the beauty of Lake Garfield and Monterey. And we unequivocally deny that we directed those saplings to be cut. (Incidentally, the published "before" photograph of the site, is not an accurate depiction of the area under scrutiny.)

As reported in the local newspapers, our subcontractor inadvertently cut down trees not specified in our OOCs. As also stated in those same papers, our agents (architect, contractor, engineers, and consultants, all well known professionals), acknowledged the mistake, and pledged to "make right" the error as quickly and appropriately as possible.

Articles in the *Monterey News* (April 2009) unabashedly trumpeted the need for "conscience, lessons learned, and social justice for all...." Some also called for "the property owners, landscapers, architect, engineers, and contractors to understand the necessity of obeying the rules of environmental protection...."

Where is the trust and respect for these same local experts! We all said "mea culpa," and acknowledged that the area will be remediated. Surely this is no cause for such a public lynching. No

Free Film, May 16 **The Real Dirt on Farmer John**

This appealing film starts out with farmer John Peterson, of Illinois, walking down a newly ploughed field and taking a big mouthful of dirt. "It tastes good today!" he tells us.

When John's dad died young of diabetes, John took over farming and went to college at nearby Beloit at the same time. This was the 1970s and many of his artsy pals followed him home to help on the farm, to live, to hang out. The conservative local community wasn't ready for this sort of thing and felt there was a cult in the neighborhood.

John's cheerful mom helped him keep his spirits up in the face of harassment, suspicion, and heavy debt. She also ran the farmstand and took great home movies of the family for decades.

This documentary is a loving story of folks and the land. After seeing it, you might put more pizzazz into your scare-

warblers or foxes (as claimed) are being sent to their deaths.

We do understand that the Conservation Commission was entirely correct to temporarily halt our project. We are accountable. But this was an honest mistake by honest people ... nothing more nefarious ever took place.

We look forward to becoming part of the fabric of Monterey in the very near future.

— S & S Levkoff



crow or paint your wheelbarrow yellow and black stripes. You'll also be glad to know how the CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) movement has helped farmers like John stay on the land when things looked impossibly bleak.

The film, made in 2006, was directed by Taggart Siegel and is 1 hour 22 minutes long. All are welcome, no admission charged, Saturday, May 16, 7:00 p.m. in the Monterey Meetinghouse basement. Call 528-9385 for information.

Otis Farmers Market Opens

On Saturday, May 9, the Farmers Market of Otis will open for the 2009 season for the benefit of homeowners in the surrounding region. The market is located next to L & M Auto on Route 23 in East Otis and will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday through October 10, rain or shine. Local farmers will offer their homegrown seasonal produce, home-baked goods, and eggs, maple syrup, and dairy products when available—plus soil testing and much more. For further information, call Jeanette Myer, market manager, 413-269-9913.

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Annual Town Meeting and Town Election, 9 a.m., Monterey Firehouse.

CHP Children's Attic children's and maternity consignment sale, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Housatonic Community Center, Main Street, Housatonic; also Sunday, May 3, 9 a.m.–noon. Information 413-528-9311 ext 2130.

Friday, May 8: "Edible Wild Plants of the Northeast," talk by botanist John Root, 7 p.m., Monterey Meetinghouse. See p. 5.

Saturday, May 9: Full Moon.

Thursday, May 14: Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Town Hall Meeting Room, 2–3 p.m.

Saturday, May 16:

Free documentary film, *The Real Dirt on Farmer John*, 7 p.m., Monterey Meetinghouse basement. See p. 22.

Waste paint and oil collection, 9–11:30 a.m., Lenox DPW.

Tuesday, May 19: CHP Free Health Screening, Community Health Program, 10 a.m.–noon, Town Hall.

Wednesday, May 20: Community Potluck Dinner, 6 p.m. Meetinghouse Fellowship Hall. Program will be talk on Lake Buel by local historian Bernard Drew. See p. 8.

Saturday, May 23:

Lake Buel Association meeting, 10 a.m., Monterey Meetinghouse.

Square and contra dancing, 8:30–11:30 p.m., Dewey Hall, Rt. 7, Sheffield. Music by Mountain Laurel. Caller Jon Greene. All dances are taught; beginners and children are welcome. Adults \$8–10, children \$5. Information 528-9385.

Monday, May 25: Memorial Day observed. Town Hall, Library closed.

Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park, 10 a.m.; parade through town center, 1 p.m. See p. 5.

Saturday, May 30: Evening of food, music by Mountain Laurel, and dancing to benefit Sandisfield Fire Dept. and Sandisfield Arts Center, 6 p.m., Sandisfield

Otis Cultural Council Tag Sale

Empty your garage, closets, and attics at the annual Otis Tag Sale, sponsored by the Otis Cultural Council, on Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m.–3 p.m., at the Otis Ridge Ski parking lot. (Rain date Sunday, June 7.) Bring a table, collectibles, furniture, and tag sale items and join your neighbors for a social and profitable day. For an application, go to www.townofotisma.com/culturalcouncil, or pick one up at the Otis Town Hall, Route 8. Send a \$10 check with application to Otis Cultural Council, PO 237, Otis, MA 01253.

The Observer

March 26–April 24

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